

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview

City of Gresham

City of Troutdale

City of Wood Village

Multnomah County

Port of Portland

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway, Room 2A/2B

Members

Phil Healy
Diane McKeel
Tim Clark
Ted Tosterud

Representing

Port of Portland
Multnomah County
City of Wood Village
City of Fairview

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly
Chris Strong
Scott Sloan
Jamie Snook
Joanna Valencia
Sean Files
Jessica Berry
Eileen Cunningham
Vanessa Vissar
Rich Watanabe

Representing

City of Gresham
City of Gresham
City of Wood Village
Metro
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
TriMet
ODOT

Guests

Brian Martin
Jay Higgins
Steve Entenman
Greg Olson

City of Gresham
City of Gresham
East Metro Economic Alliance
Gresham Transportation Committee, Multnomah County Bike/Ped
Advisory Committee

1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:00

2. Chair's Comments

None – PD meeting at 4 pm.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

4. Review and Adoption of October 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes - All

Action Item

Motion to approve was made by Phil Healy, and seconded by Tim Clark. Minutes approved

5. JPACT Updates – Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro

Informational/Discussion

Jamie Snook noted that the upcoming meeting includes an update on the Regional Leadership Forum coming up on December 2nd. She noted that they're looking at aligning the vision and strategies and to start setting priorities for the spring. Second item is the regional transit strategy, which she will be presenting. It will include the vision and how to move forward. Tim Clark asked what time the meeting is starting. The timed agenda didn't match the start time. Jamie noted that it is starting at 8 instead of 7:30. She also noted that if folks want to register for the Regional Leadership Forum, there is a link from Metro's website.

6. Gresham Active Transportation Plan – Brian Martin, City of Gresham

Informational/Discussion

Katherine Kelly introduced Brian Martin, who has been managing the Gresham Active Transportation Plan. She noted that he will be leaving Gresham to work for the City of Beaverton later in the month.

Brian introduced the plan and provided an over view of the goal and where they are in the process to date. He provided some existing conditions information and potential improvements that will be vetted in the future as part of the planning process. He noted that the City has been working with Multnomah County Public Health on the project and that one of the goals is to get input from historically underrepresented populations as a result the public engagement process has been extensive.

In his presentation he showed maps of existing sidewalks and trails, destinations, and gaps in infrastructure. On the bikeway slide he discussed the approach they're taking which is to look at bikeway stress levels, basically looking at the facilities and who will use them. One of the questions asked as part of the plan was how we make bicycling an option for a lot more people (those that are less comfortable using arterials with bike lanes). Brian also noted they did some engagement to provide input on destinations and where they had concerns. He then described the maps and the various networks they're proposing. He provided the website so that people can provide comments on the routes that are shown on the project website. He noted that the City would like to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions. Finalized the draft maps, and then begin to evaluate the projects and prioritize the improvements. Jamie Snook asked if they have been looking at access to transit as part of the study. He noted that a large part of their goal was to connect local destinations (residences to schools, groceries, etc.). He noted they're updating their prioritization criteria and that access to transit can be a criterion.

7. TriMet Eastside Service Enhancement Plan – Staff

Action – Priority enhancements

Joanna Valencia provided a handout to lead the discussion. She noted that this group has discussed it several times. She noted that when the SEP was first being developed there was an assumption that the Powell Division Bus Rapid Transit would serve Mount Hood Community College, which is no longer the case. Last month EMCTC identified some potential changes to routes and locations. This map includes their input on changes from the previous meeting. Bringing back the various priorities including:

- Line 20
- Line 81 and increasing frequency and hours of service with possible extension to TRIP, along with

- realignments of line 81 from Gresham Transit Center to MHCC.
- Line 87 increasing frequency along 182 and 181 corridor.
- Line 25 – agree with service to Reynolds HS. Recommended changes for line 21 based on last month’s conversation.
- Line E and Line 21 potential options to either keep as identified in SEP or keep line 21 where it is and creating a new line E where the SEP had recommended Line 21 be moved.
- Adding language to look at future options to service areas north of I-84.

Vanessa Vissar asked if this is in priority order. Joanna said, no. It is intended to identify why we recommended changes last month. Katherine Kelly noted that Line 87 terminates at Powell and 181st. there was some additional discussion about the southern portion of this line. Sean Files asked if TriMet would find it helpful to prioritize them. Vanessa noted that we can look at the list on a yearly basis to review what they can reasonably deliver in a given year. Vanessa noted that TriMet is open to changes to the SEP, but since the SEP went through a public review process that included rider information she is concerned that if we are asking to change the SEP that these haven’t been reviewed through a public process yet. Katherine Kelly noted that all the SEP outreach happened at a time when there was an assumption that the Powell Division BRT would provide service to MHCC. Joanna asked if there has been outreach on the changes from the SEP to the Line 81. Vanessa said that outreach is happening now.

Commissioner McKeel noted that the discussion of priorities has been complicated by the change in the BRT service. Joanna noted she’s looking for an Action to send the item to TriMet as EMCTC’s priorities. Joanna noted that we will put this on our agenda to revisit this time each year. Councilor Tim Clark noted we’ll probably know more next year. Vanessa noted that it would be helpful to know if EMCTC wants TriMet to change the map. Joanna suggested that the priorities are things for TriMet to consider, but not necessarily to change the SEP map at this time.

Vanessa shared that based on conversation that have happened this far they’re recommending a few changes/updates proposed to be implemented next year:

- Taking line 81 on Division, serving Mount Hood Community College, and connecting to TRIP.
- Splitting Line 87 at Powell and Hogan and adding weekend service north.
- Line 20 added frequency.

She noted that this will all need to go through an extensive outreach process. Katherine asked what the outreach process would be. Vanessa said they’re sending a mailer to residents where the changes are happening. They’re doing outreach to riders on buses and posting at bus stops. She’s going to be talking at 3 different neighborhood association agendas.

Commissioner McKeel asked for a motion to approve and forward to TriMet the priority document with the potential to revisit this annually. Councilor Tim Clark asked if we should prioritize what TriMet is proposing for the next year. Vanessa suggested that if any of those are not priorities, it would be good to let TriMet know. Phil Healy moved to adopt these as priorities. Councilor Tim Clark seconded. Motion passed.

8. Regional Travel Options (RTO) Grant Update – Staff

Action – determine sub-regional priority

Joanna noted that there are usually two or three different RTO grant applications every year. This year there is only one application for east county. Joanna noted that it is a partnership with Gresham to hire a Safe Routes to School Coordinator. She noted that EMCTC has a \$100,000 allocation toward projects in our region. She asked for an action item to approve the project as our priority for the sub-region. Commissioner McKeel asked if the grant is for \$100,000. Joanna said the sub-allocation is \$100,000. But the grant award would be for \$200,000. Mayor Ted Tosterud asked how long the position would last. Joanna said 2 years. This would be for salary as well as for outreach. The funds cannot be used for capital projects. Some discussion ensued including looking at options to sustain the program beyond just grant funding. Commissioner McKeel noted the Board of County Commissioners funds Safe Routes to School as well. These are for capital projects for crosswalks, rapid flashing beacons, and other small capital safety projects.

Councilor Tim Clark moved to approve the sub-regional priority for the RTO grant. Phil Healy seconded. Motion Passed.

9. MTIP RFFA Grant Application – Staff

Action – Recommend priority project if desired. This step is optional in the MTIP/RFFA process.

Joanna provided a handout to the group and noted that the EMCTC can (but is not required to) prioritize projects for MTIP/RFFA funding. She noted that the sub-region submitted 5 projects: Multnomah County submitted one and Gresham submitted 4. She further noted that the technical staff reviewed and determined that there are three projects that are most important to the region at this time. They are Multnomah County's Sandy Boulevard bike lanes and sidewalks, Gresham's Cleveland and Division Streets Complete streets projects. The action item to would be submitted to Metro to be forwarded to JPACT as part of their review of the MTIP/RFFA. Jamie Snook noted that she recommends people provide their input on the website. The public input is a critical component of how the projects will be evaluated. Commissioner McKeel asked if these projects are in the East Metro Connections Plan. Joanna affirmed that they are. Sean Files asked how the decisions about what to fund will be made. Joanna noted that Metro staff will provide input to JPACT and that JPACT will ultimately decide on which projects to fund.

Phil Healy moved to approve the three projects as east County priority. Councilor Tim Clark seconded. Motion passed.

10. Regional Active Transportation Project Brainstorm – Staff

Information/Discussion: Develop list of active transportation projects for potential project development funds (Bond Proceeds)

Joanna informed the group of the following brainstormed list from EMCTC TAC and asked for feedback on additional projects to include.

- Phase IV of Gresham Fairview Trail
- Troutdale to Springwater Trail plan
- Completing gap from Chapman to Stark on Troutdale
- Sandy Boulevard improvements
- Halsey street from 238th to HCRH
- Safe Routes to School Package
- Division Street from Birdsdale to Wallula

Mayor Ted Tosterud noted that his constituents can't get from Central Gresham/Fairview/Wood Village area to Marine Drive. The group liked the idea of a separated facility to go north. Phil noted that if there's an opportunity for additional funding, it would be good to address the railroad bridge.

11. Project Updates, Staff

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update
- b. Safe Routes to School Update - none
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - none
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – Joanna noted that the next Region 1 ACT is meeting to discuss bylaws. Mayor Ted Tosterud asked who would take over this role for Mayor Daoust. Joanna noted that several positions that were held by Commissioner McKeel and Mayor Daoust. So in January we will need to discuss who will take on the new roles.
- e. Halsey Street Corridor – Was provided by Mayor Ted Tosterud during the previous item.
- f. Troutdale to Springwater Trail master plan, if available

12. Other Business- none reported

13. Next EMCTC Meeting: December 12, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm